

Core Values #1
II Timothy 3:16; Luke 16:1-13

I. The Bible is the _____ of God and our final authority for living.

A. The _____ claims its inspiration.

II Timothy 3:16

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness”

(II Peter 1:16-21)

B. Why is believing in the authority of God’s Word important?

1. If God wants to have a _____ with us, He must communicate with us.
2. A sovereign all-powerful God is enough to give us a _____ for faith, revelation, and direction we can all follow.
3. The _____ proves He desires this relationship with us.

II. Every believer is a responsible _____ of God.

A. Everything we have is a _____.

- God owns everything; we are not the owner but a _____.

Psalm 24:1

“The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,”

- A steward is a _____ of another’s household or possessions.
- God owns everything and gives us possessions and gifts as a steward or _____.

Genesis 1:28

And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

- God gives us the _____ to make money.

Deuteronomy 8:18

“You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth”

- A manager takes his lead from the _____.

B. Everything we have is a _____.

Malachi 3:8-10

⁸Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, ‘How have we robbed you?’ In your tithes and contributions. ⁹You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. ¹⁰Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of

hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need."

1. What is the tithe? 10%
 - a. Abraham in Genesis 14
 - b. Incorporated into the law
 - c. In the New Testament

Luke 11:42

"But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and every herb, and neglect justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others."

2. Why 10%?
 - a. The #10 is the number of _____.
 - b. A cure for _____.

"The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives." (Deuteronomy 14:23)

- c. To provide for God's _____.
3. Where to give?

Leviticus 27:30

"Every tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the Lord's; it is holy to the Lord."

4. When to give? (Proverbs 3:9, 10)

C. Everything we have is a _____.

1. For the _____

2. For _____

3. To become more like _____

4. To be _____

Luke 6:38

“give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

5. To be _____

“We have a short time of opportunity to use our gifts to get people into heaven.”

6. To be _____

The Bible teaches us:

(1) It’s not your money; it’s God’s.

(2) When you give, you give to God and others.

(3) You cannot outgive God. You have much more to gain and, really, you will not lose.
